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memorandum

DATE: December 14, 1981

REPLY TO ATTN OF: AmEmbassy SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR
Consular Section

SUBJECT: W/W: John J. Sullivan

TO: CA/OCS/ERM
Department of State

Att: Ed Martinez

Ref: San Salvador 9460

Enclosed is a copy of the letter we received concerning W/W of John J. Sullivan.

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San Salvador
December 9, 1981
Mr. Deane R. Hinton
Ambassador of the United States

Mr. Ambassador:

I am the agent of Policia Hacienda who wrote to the newspaper The Washington Post last time. The report that I sent is true, as proven by the fact that in one of the death cells of the Policia de Hacienda there are some words in English engraved by the newspaperman Sullivan, who was tortured in spite of the pleas he made in the few words of Spanish he knew. The colonel ordered his death and Sullivan was taken and thrown into the railroad yard of the Quezaltexuqua already dead. I have evidence, but my family runs the risk of being killed and I myself am under surveillance in the barracks. We must conceal our letters to take them to the post office. We live under tremendous tension. Many foreigners have been killed here, although from the outside everything may seem normal. The family of the newspaperman, accompanied by FBI personnel, should visit these death cells of the police and perhaps I will be assigned to show them where the newspaperman died. He was tall, husky, had a beard, blue eyes, and a small scar on his hairy legs. One of the guards still keeps some objects of value belonging to Mr. Sullivan. I have evidence of this and I am telling the truth.

Policia de Hacienda Barracks
Pedro Martinez
Agent

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